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Borough *of* Richmond.



HE Dispute is not between Prescriptive-Right and Charter-Right, as has been artfully insinuated : But whether a Charter-Right is good where no Prescriptive-Right appears to the contrary, which is the Case of this Corporation.

BY Charter dated in the nineteenth of *Elizabeth*, the *Inhabitants* of the Town of *Richmond* were incorporated by the Name of *Alderman* and *Burgeses*, with full Power and Authority to elect two Members for every ensuing Parliament, which Charter of Incorporation was petition'd for, accepted, and acted under till the twentieth of *Charles* the Second : At which time another Charter, with some additional Privileges, was granted in Confirmation of the former, and as such has been submitted to without Dispute till this time.

BY the Petitioners pretended Right of Election, in express Contradiction to the Letter of the Charter ('tis humbly apprehended) that the Royal Prerogative, as exercised in this, and many other Corporations, seems to be absolutely denied : And this whole Corporation must at once be stript of their Right of electing Members to serve in Parliament, and Strangers will be admitted to make the Election : Altho' the *Inhabitants* are expressly liable to pay the Members Wages.

BY the Charter-Right the Sitting Members have a vast Majority.